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Mr. George [illegible] Scott,
Board of Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Scott:

[illegible] to tell you how [illegible] January 4
and to [illegible] this way, that I [illegible] feel at the
[illegible] Mr. and Mr. [illegible] N. Wheeler to associa-
[illegible] the staff of Hsiang Yang Univer-
sity. The [illegible] Mr. Wheeler has rendered
to the [illegible] on which by the Board of
Christian [illegible] the most complete devotion and energy.
[illegible] will not [illegible] regret in
relation.

However, I am glad to find that Mr. Wheeler is to continue in our Mission [illegible] as Assistant Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

The matter of the financial equipment of Mr. Wheeler's service until he [illegible] will be laid before the Executive.

Cordially yours,

H.W.
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5 Westmoreland Place, Pasadena, California.

February 4, 1921.

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey,
Room 427, 156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Caskey;-

I am writing to send to you my very best wishes and assurances of all possible support in the work which you are taking up for this University. It is a privilege to have you at the helm in New York, and I am sure that under your leadership our good ship will come out safely and triumphantly.

I tried to leave matters in as good shape as possible in the office before my departure from New York, and doubtless Dr. Eric North and Dr. Luce have been at your service in transferring our business into your hands.

I am enclosing several communications which I believe should go to you.

I have a parlor meeting scheduled here on Saturday, February 12th, in my mother's home. I will send a list of the people invited and other details next week.

Our current expenses and the payment of the notes for the land are the two items which are most on my mind and, if we can clean them up during the next six months, I think we will be doing well. But doubtless Dr. Luce has gone over all these various de-

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tails with you. I shall be held here probably until the latter part of March.

The campaign for the University of Southern California for their representative at Peking is scheduled for the first week in March. The next two weeks here I will use in preparing for our parlor meeting and in following it up; the last two weeks in February I will visit Northern California.

If you have any suggestions, I shall be glad to receive them.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

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P.S. Mrs. Peabody is due here the last of February; I will work with her for Yenching. WRW

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adjustment in the fact that Stanford has been contributing toward the support of Ed. Lockwood in the Y.M.C.A. at Canton. However, the Y.M.C.A. secretary at Stanford, Mr. F. B. Morgan, and the various individuals with whom I talked all expressed the opinion that a great deal more would be done for some such university project as ours than would ever be done for Mr. Lockwood alone. I called on the president, Dr. Wilbur, who welcomed the idea and was most cordial. In the evening I spoke to the cabinet of the Y.M.C.A. and the matter rests now until a committee is appointed to take up definitely the planning for the campaign and the appointing of a Stanford representative. I am hopeful that nothing will block the proposition and if the campaign is put on within the next two months I will hope to go up and help in it. Letters of introduction from Mr. Charles Hodges, a Stanford 1916 graduate, and at present Executive Secretary of the China Society in New York City were helpful. You will find various facts about Mr. Hodges in our card index.

As I have already written you, I am somewhat concerned about the raising of our current budget. I had thought of asking individuals for pledges of $100 a year for four years towards this, those who pledged at least $100 annually thereby becoming members of what

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we might call a Peking University Association. I believe that the colleges in the Near East are attempting some such proposition and I am sure we could raise quite an amount annually this way. On the other hand it would cut into our property pledges. I would like to have your opinion on this matter. I am planning now to see if I cannot get pledges towards a Pasadena building for the University. I will let you know after a week how we are progressing.

As you have probably seen from the study of our budget, the amount to be secured before June thirtieth falls into certain natural divisions. There is the sum for the salary of Leighton and for Miss Hague; there is a certain property item; and there is a deficit from last year. There was a certain balance to be carried forward from previous years which would take care of the deficit, provided our books were made up in this way; I have been on the lookout for individuals to take over the salaries of Miss Hague and Leighton; and I am hopeful that we can charge up to one or the boards the property item. This would still leave a certain amount to be secured which might be covered by our hundred-dollar-a-year pledges. I had rather hoped that the Methodists would take over Leighton's salary, so that he could have a direct relation to them, but there are a couple of individuals here whom I might

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approach in this connection if you think it wise.

I had in mind to ask Mr. Severance if we cannot count on him for a building. Sam Higginbottom approached him, but secured only one thousand dollars, Mr. Severance stating that he was unable to give largely at the present time. If he will not pledge for this purpose, I am going to ask if he will not be willing to stand back of the Presbyterian's share of the money for the land and our current budget. We do not wish to go into a hole and will do our best to raise as much as we can, but I am going to ask if he will not, as one of the Trustees, meet this deficit if there is one the last of June. If you have any other ideas in this connection I would welcome them.

I have seen the Gambles and they wish to give to the Woman's College and will make a pledge when Mrs. Peabody comes next week. That seems to be the best that we can hope from them this year at least. I will try to have Mrs. Burgess present at the woman's committee meeting when Mrs. Peabody comes.

When you wired asking if Dr. Luce should come here I answered "No" for three reasons; first, because in our conferences before I left New York we had planned that Dr. Luce would probably not come out with me to the coast, but would help you in the East and I had accordingly gone ahead on the supposition that I would work this region alone and set the parlor meeting here for February 12th.

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When you wired Harry could not have reached here by that date. In the second place the trip is very expensive and I know how low our finances are. Finally it seemed that we would cover more territory if you and Dr. Luce worked the East and I stayed in the West than if both of us should be out here at the same time. On the other hand there are many individuals here who are good prospects, and if you judge the situation in the East is not favorable, there is no question that time can be spent to good advantage here if Dr. Luce wishes to come. I think this decision should be made by you and Dr. Luce, rather than by me. (I am sending a copy of this letter to Harry at the address he sent me in Cleveland.) Sending instead to N.Y.

I shall be grateful for any advice or counsel from you. I plan to be ~~here~~ West until April first and possibl, longer if I can put my time in to good advantage.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

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February 26, 1921.

Mr. Herbert K. Gaskey,
Room 427, 156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Gaskey;-

My letter of the 18th has been held up on account of corrections and verifications of the list of people who attended the parlor meeting, so that I will now enclose with it my report on Mrs. Peabody's visit this week.

Mrs. Peabody, who as you know is promoting the movement to finance six women's colleges in the Orient, appeared here on Wednesday, the twenty-third. She has come down the coast, having visited Seattle, Portland and San Francisco. She asked Mrs. W. B. Hill to be chairman of her committee here, and Mrs. Hill has chosen a committee whose names I am enclosing. Mrs. Peabody stayed at my mother's home at Westmoreland Place and on the twenty-sixth held a meeting at Mrs. Gamble's house, 4 Westmoreland Place, at which she and I spoke. Mrs. J. B. Burgess, of Pekin, was present and also spoke briefly of Yen Ching. We had somewhat the same group as came to the parlor meeting on the University, and they seemed interested in the whole proposition. Mrs. Hill is pledging a building for Vellore College and the Gambles will give to Yen Ching, tho they have not quite as yet decided on the amount or the use of the gift. I have asked Mrs. Peabody if she will not stress Yen Ching in Pasadena and in Los Angeles where she will speak today, and

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she has done so, altho her original intention was to play up Yen Ching in Chicago and the Middle West, as she had played up Japan on the west coast. I wish we could have got in touch with her before she started on this trip, but I judge it was been rather hastily planned out and there was no opportunity for a conference with her. I am to meet her today before she leaves, to plan out the carrying on of her work here after she has gone. She has asked me to be secretary of the Woman's Committee here, but I am not quite certain how this will work in with my own duties to the University as a whole. Apparently until this fund is raised the finances of the Women's College and the men's departments must be kept distinct. I had thought of combining here on a building that might be in common use by both men and the women at the University; but this entails some confusion in the minds of the givers and might not be acceptable to the Rockefeller donors. Possibly one way out would be to have a Pasadena building for the men's University and try to get one also for the Women.

It would be of tremendous help if Mrs. Frame could meet Mrs. Peabody in or near Chicago and follow up the initial efforts that will be made there for Yen Ching. I will get Mrs. Peabody's schedule and will send it to Mrs. Frame and, if you can do anything to help get these two promotors together, I think the result will

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be worth while. I find that Gin Ling is far better known than Yen Ching, merely because Mrs. Thurston has been on the road more, I am sure that Mrs. Crane would make a fine hit and we could ask for no better representative.

In the second place, Mrs. Peabody needs the financial estimate for Yen Ching and its building program, and I am wiring you, asking you to send this list to her as she goes East.

Another matter that Mrs. Burgess has suggested was that we try to secure the services of Miss Katherine F. Crane, who is in China and has taught at Yen Ching and at Tsing Hwa, and will be in this country nexx this year, returning this spring. Mrs. Burgess says she is a very able teacher and would be a great help in giving publicity to Yen Ching. I am sending a note to her and you can follow this up later as you think best.

As I have watched Mrs. Peabody work here and discussed the whole proposition of the women's colleges uniting for this single purpose, I am more and more disposed towards the proposal that the five union universities in China unite in some such appeal. There is a great deal gained, in the size of such a proposition and in the breadth of interest which it represents that is of great value and that brings a response that we cannot get for a single institution. The initial groundwork for such a proposition has been done by Dr. Luce and myself in the various meetings we have held of the representatives of the different universities, and this is a subject which I

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would like to take up with you most thoroly when I go East.

In any case, Peking is being put on the map here in Pasadena and it is encouraging to see the response that comes when it is presented. I wish it were possible to let the matter rest for a few months before we have to test out their actual interest by soliciting gifts; but apparently this cannot be done, so I am going after subscriptions at once.

This letter is intended for Dr. Luce, also, and I will ask you to give it to him. I am writing him on some other details concerning which we have corresponded.

I hope very much that your wife is improved in health. I know from my own experience what you are going thru.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

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TRUSTEES OF
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February 28, 1921.

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Eric;-

If I can't have the privilege of stepping into your meticulously organized office, I at least can have the pleasure of reading this letter in that direction, and I may interpolate, the pleasure involved is real and genuine.

Some items have come up which I would like to pass on to you with a request for your advice and assistance. The first is in regard to the University of Southern California, which as you remember decided to cooperate with Peking University last spring. After this decision was conveyed to us in June, there was a hiatus and we heard nothing further in our office. When I went over to investigate about Christmastime I found that a man, Ralph Burnight, a graduate of the University, had been sent out in the fall, the correspondence concerning him having all gone thru the Methodist Board instead of thru our office. This correspondence was carried on by Mr. O. D. Wood, a representative of the Board at Claremont, and apparently there was considerable delay before accomodations were secured for Mr. Burnight and the matter finally settled. Things are all right now, tho, and Mr. Burnight expects to stay for another year at Peking. I will help with their campaign ~~to stay~~ set for the 17th and 18th of next month to raise funds for the following year for him. The points upon which I would

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like ~~to~~ you help especially are, first, to see that this correspondence finds its way to the Peking University office, and then to find out if there is any disposition to shift this man to the Academy instead of the University. The students at U.S.C. said something about this and I thought I ought to get in touch with you about it. I will also get in touch with Mr. Wood from this end. I had hoped to see him earlier, but his wife died recently and he canceled various appointments.

I have visited Leland Stanford University with notes of introduction from Mr. Hodges of the China Society in New York, a Stanford graduate, and the proposition of Stanford Professors Peking, has met with a cordial reception. There are some matters to adjust with the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A.; I will know definitely within a couple of weeks whether or not the proposition is to go thru. One of the Stanford professors, Payson J. Treat, expects to spend a year in the Orient, sailing next fall, and has written asking if Peking University can give him living quarters during his delivery there of a series of lectures. He has invitations from Canton Christian College and from other places. He would not expect a salary. I have written him that I am writing to Leighton at once; that there is no question of the warmth of the invitation which would be extended to him from Peking, but that there might be some question of the comfort of the quarters which we could offer him. It would be a help to the Stanford-Peking proposition if Professor

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Treat should spend this time at Peking.

I had a parlor meeting here February 18th and showed the slides of the University, and on the 25th spoke at a meeting with Mrs. Peabody in regard to the Women's College. I will try to put in the next two weeks here in following up these two meetings and then will plan to go north for possibly a month, visiting San Francisco and Portland. I am wiring these plans to our office, asking if this meets with their approval. This may mean I will not reach New York until later in the Spring, but I believe the time on the coast can be put in to good advantage. What think you?

I hope that Mr. Caskey has been enjoying his work and trust that you initiated him into the mysteries of the card index and of our various tabulated statements and other mores of the office.

I have written Mr. Caskey and Dr. Luce at considerable length and will not go over these points. Mrs. Peabody practically promised the payment of one third of our notes due for the land out of the funds collected by the Woman's College Fund. She will return to New York about the fifteenth of March. This matter would justify hot and zealous pursuit. The Gambles have promised to give to the Woman's College of the University, amount to be decided presently; I have an engagement with Mr. Severance tomorrow when I will try to come to grips with him.

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A final request is to ask your father for a note of introduction for me to any ~~xxxxxxx~~ Methodist ministers, along the coast. If he could put in a word about the University and about my relation to it, it would be of tremendous service. Dr. Brown gave me a similar note to Presbyterian ministers.

Mrs. Wheeler and I had quite a difficult time making our final decision whether to go back to China or to go in to the Board offices for the present at least. I think you know from what I said in New York the various issues involved. Mrs. Wheeler has maintained, however, that we ought to go, since no doctors have forbidden our doing so, and so we finally wired that we would try it again. It might be said with candor that in doing this we are fools, but it cannot be said we are quitters.

With best wishes to your wife and yourself, I am

As ever yours,

Rex Wheeler

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March 1, 1921.

Mr. Herbert M. Oaskey,
Room 427, 156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Oaskey;-

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have written Mrs. Peabody which is self explanatory.

Mrs. Peabody has suggested the possibility of the University or the five union universities in China approaching the Laura Spelman Rockefeller fund, for a proposition similar to that which they have made with the women's colleges. The secretary's name is Rev. W. Richardson, 26 Broadway. John D. Jr. is chairman of the Board. Possibly you ought to verify the name of the secretary and his address.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

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March 10, 1921

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I saw Mr. Bashell about the amounts included in the New Loan budget for Peking, and he said that the figures he sent you did apply to the year that closes the last of this month; that the figures for the coming year have not yet been approved, though the Committee to which the making up of the budget items was referred has them ready for recommendation, and it can be assumed that they will be accepted as they stand. For the University the amount is $40,000. and $40,000 for Yenching. I understood from Mr. Bashell, as doubtless you know, that these amounts were to come to Peking from the loan irrespective of what amounts might be raised in special gifts.

Sincerely yours,

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March 11, 1921.

Mr. W. Reginald Wheeler,
3 Westmoreland Place,
Pasadena, California.

My dear Rex:

I have your letter of February 28th. I certainly am glad to hear from you again.

In regard to the University of Southern California - Ralph Ward and I have had long and complicated efforts at this entanglement. For some reason or other Mr. Wood never sent us the information concerning what was going on - that is never sent to the Peking Office the information as to what was going on as Mr. Carson said he would do. We were accordingly in the dark until we found out that the man had been appointed. In the meanwhile the Methodist Board had no intimation from Wood's correspondence that the man was necessarily tied up with Peking University or that we had been in negotiations with the University of Southern California.

We have got the matter straightened out now and as it stands the man is designated for Peking University - his support is underwritten by the Methodist Board as a genuine addition to the number of Methodists on the staff of the University. We should cooperate with them most heartily and assist in the raising of the funds for the support of this man from the University of Southern California. It was due to the lack of information in the office of the Methodist Board that the assignment was made to Peking Academy. This has been corrected and he is now at work in the University, I understand.

I am mighty glad to hear about the hope of relationship to Leeland Stanford University. I think you should be quite free to make whatever arrangements President Stuart may authorize for the housing of Professor Treat. It is not

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a matter that needs to be handled through our New York Office.

The news about the Woman's College Fund is very satisfactory and we are very glad.

I will take up with Father the suggestion you make concerning the note of introduction for you. He is at present in Kansas.

I must say that I admire Mrs. Wheeler's pluck and energy in making up her mind to tackle China again. She deserves to succeed magnificently.

You may be interested to know that Miss Theodora North arrived in our household on February 8th and we are having a great and joyous time with her.

Affectionately yours,

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TRUSTEES OF
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March 18, 1921.

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Eric;-

That was bully news in your letter of March 11th about the arrival of Theodora North, and Mrs. Wheeler and I send to you and Mrs. North our congratulations and our best wishes for your complete happiness, both diurnal and nocturnal. Your remark on the latter subject awakens reverberating memories which cluster especially about the two trips across the Pacific which we made with our child, aged four months and ten months respectively. On the latter trip, if you had been near our stateroom between the hours of twelve and three a.m., you could have heard the beautiful strains of various lullabies originally composed for the Yale Glee Club and now put to a use which neither the composer nor I had anticipated. I request a date with you on my return to New York in May either at the "Three Star" or at "Bivalve Billy's" at which we may have the joys and consolations of an interchange of experiences in this realm.

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I am sending on to our office various data about the University of Southern California campaign for their representative, Ralph Burnight, at Peking. I am glad that this matter is now cleared up. They have lots of energy at their various meetings, and you might be interested in some of the documents relating to them.

I am hitting some opposition at Stanford, on the part chiefly of the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. which, quite naturally, do not want to give up their own contributions to their foreign work. I will have another session with the whole committee the first week in April, after the spring recess.

I have been more or less standing on my head during the past week with various meetings here. I am sending a detailed statement of this in one of the report letters which I am aiming to send to Mr. Baskey regularly for file in our office.

You will be glad to know that mother has promised $25,000 toward the chapel and the rest of the family will make up the balance; this is with the understanding that the total sum will not be required at once, but can be paid within the next four years. I am going ahead on this supposition of getting pledges with such a time-span. I understand that there is

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a certain sum available for a Bashford Memorial Library and it would be a big help if I could say that the money for both chapel and library, the latter largely thru the Centenary Fund, has been subscribed. We have been very happy in knowing that the money for the first building has been promised. I was glad, too, to hear from New York that the money for Leighton's salary had been promised by the Southern Presbyterian Church, as this will help greatly in our current budget. I think things are opening up at last and that we can go forward with new confidence.

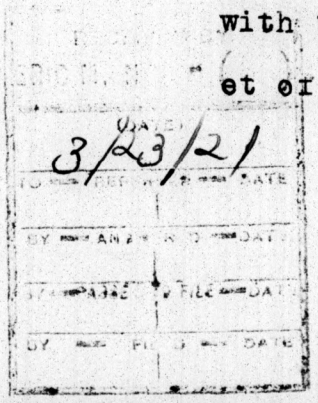
I appreciated very much what you said about Mrs. Wheeler. and her return to China. We are glad we can do that.

Dr. Luce has written that he and Mr. Gaskey approve of my going up the North Coast before my return to the East, so I will not expect to be in New York now until the latter part of May. I will be sorry to miss the annual meeting of the Trustees, but I know that you, with the other officials, will escort them thru the docket of the day with your usual precision and speed.

With best wishes, I am

Affectionately yours,

Rex Wheeler



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March 22, 1921.

Mr. Herbert K. Gaskey,
Room 427, 156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Gaskey;-

I am writing to report on the past two weeks here.

To begin with, things have apparently been moving encouragingly during this period, the two items which are especially pleasant being, first, the news from your office that the Southern Presbyterian Church would continue the support of Leighton or at least a large part of it, and secondly that the money for the chapel has been subscribed thru pledges of my mother, Mrs. N. P. Wheeler, of the above address, for $25,000, the balance to be given thru our family, this on condition that the money is not needed at once, but is to be paid within a four-year period. The first item will help greatly on our current budget and the second is the first definite step in putting up our new plant. In addition the interest and associations of the past two weeks here have been most heartening, so that we are thanking God and taking courage to go forward with increased speed.

Events of the past fortnight here can be grouped under four heads: first, the campaign at the University of Southern California for their representative at Peking; second, the work done here in relation to the First Presbyterian Church for the University; third, the work done among individuals and smaller groups; fourth, developments in the situation as regards Yen Ching. I will review these four items briefly and then will try to answer some of the questions and suggestions in Dr. Luce's letters of the 8th, 9th and 17th of March.

First, the situation at the University of Southern California. Their representative, Ralph Burnight, went out to Peking last fall on a three-year appointment in the department of Sociology. There was apparently some little misunderstanding concerning his actual designation on the part of the Methodist Board, whether he should be assigned to the Academy or to the University, but I have received word from Eric North that this matter has been straightened out and that he is to give his full time to the University. Last year the U.S.C., thru its associated student body, subscribed and paid in $1948.67 towards this cause, there being in addition $421.05 of pledges which were not paid. Correspondence was carried on by Rev. O. D. Wood, and doubtless this has been transferred to our office. This year the campaign was set for March 16th and 17th. I invited the chairman of the campaign organization,

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Mr. Gross Alexander, to our house where we had dinner and conferred over the campaign on the 8th; on the 10th I showed the pictures of Peking before an audience of students, and on the 16th went over to the University on the first day of their actual solicitation. They went into the affair with a large amount of enthusiasm; I am enclosing copies of their college papers and of their various publicity material. Certainly Peking is on the map in that institution. The final report on the amount collected has not come in yet, but I will send it on to you as soon as it does.

I have tried especially during the past two weeks to bring the University before the First Presbyterian Church here which, as you know, is the richest and most influential church of the city, with Dr. Robert Freeman as its pastor. On March 6th, at the morning service Dr. Freeman invited me to help in the service, and he spoke of the University and of my part in it as a Pasadena representative, and mentioned it also in his sermon which was on the Every Member Canvass which took place that day. On the 13th I spoke in the church at the School of Missions which is held for six weeks during the months of February and March, and on Wednesday the 16th showed the pictures of the University at the mid-week meeting. This meeting was largely attended,- for the Pasadena populace has a well deserved reputation for church going, even to prayer meetings,- and there was warm interest in the whole subject. I was especially glad that both Dr. Baer and Dr. Freeman, who had not come to the parlor meeting at my mother's last month, could see the pictures, and after the meeting spoke very kindly of the whole enterprise. I am hopeful that next year, if we are wise in our approach, that we can get this church to make a special contribution toward the University, but the first step is to get it before them and I was glad that these meetings gave me such an opportunity.

In the work among individuals and smaller groups, perhaps the most interesting was a small dinner which mother gave at her house on the 8th, after which I showed the pictures. At the dinner were two cousins of mother's, Mrs. Horton Singer of Pittsburgh whose husband is a member of Singer, Dimick & Co. in Steel, and who is a sister-in-law of Senator Phil Knox; and Mrs. Henry Buhl, wife of one of the partners of Boggs & Buhl of Pittsburgh whom you probably know. In addition there were Mr. Crosser, an old time acquaintance of the family whom mother first met as a student pastor in Berlin, and Mr. W. L. Green whom Dr. Luce knows very well. The first two couples live in Pittsburgh; I am not sure how much we can expect of them, but in any case I was glad to get the subject before them. Indirect publicity towards Peking was given in a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gamble of Cincinnati who are visiting here. This reception was held a couple of weeks ago and Sydney showed his own pictures of Peking with a few which I contributed. I also showed the pictures before

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a smaller church here on the 17th. On the 15th I put in some time with Mr. Herbert House, the original promotor of Canton Christian College, formerly a tutor to Yuan Shih-kai, whom Dr. Luce knows. I was interested in getting his story of the college at Canton. We have been held up in regard to getting actual pledges from individuals because of the possible relation to the Woman's College. That is the fourth item which I wish to review.

Mrs. W. B. Hill, the chairman of the committee, asked me to help her in the meetings and we had a conference last week and on the 21st, yesterday, held a small meeting of the committee. It was not possible to get all the committee together, the members being present including finally Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. McAdmands, my mother, and my wife whom they have co-opted, and myself. Mrs. Hill was a little doubtful of the possibility of going forward, as matters were not altogether clear after Mrs. Peabody left, and she mentioned three courses open, either to drop the whole matter, or to try to appoint a larger committee, including representatives of the colleges in this country who are interested in their sister colleges in the Orient, and, third, the proposition which I had suggested, the possibility of getting a Pasadena building, or of the Woman's College uniting with the University in an attempt to get one building which would be available for both. At the meeting Mrs. Edmands suggested putting up the whole matter before the Federated Woman's Missionary Societies here, which includes all the churches. Finally it was voted that this should be done and that the proposition that we concentrate on Yenching in Pasadena be followed up and that, if favorable word is received from New York concerning this, that the Men's University and Woman's College concentrate on a single building which we will try to finance here. I wired Mrs. Peabody last night, asking if this would be acceptable to her committee, that is that we try to raise the money here for a recitation or science building, half of the amount necessary to be credited on the Woman's College drive and half to be secured by friends of the University, the total being $75,000 according to our estimates. Such a proposition may be a little confusing, as the property of the University is held by one Board of Trustees and that of the Woman's College is to be held by another group, but I am hoping that no objection will be made to such an arrangement as given above. Otherwise we are committed here to trying to raise money for two buildings, and I do not think that will be possible, and in addition we will have a certain duplication of effort and crossing of wires. I am waiting for an answering telegram and then we will go after individuals here with our subscription blanks and see what we will get. I am having some blanks printed here. I am going to try to get subscriptions on a four-year plan. I know of several individuals who will give to the Woman's College, and we will try to see that they give to Peking.

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This is the situation in brief. I will write again in the course of two weeks.

I plan now to stay here for the next two weeks and then have an appointment at Leland Stanford the first of April and will go on up the coast, returning toward the close of the month. I will send you my schedule as soon as it is definite. I have an invitation to speak at the Garden Club here on the 26th and at the Occidental Woman's Board Meeting on April 21. (I might say that the Garden Club is a social organization somewhat like that at Tarrytown at which Dr. Luce and I spoke, only that it meets in the afternoons in the various gardens of its members).

Dr. Luce's letter of March 17th brought the word about the plans for the "Peking News". It will be fine if the first issue could be gotten out in time for the meeting of the Trustees on April 14th, tho possibly this cannot be done. In answer to Dr. Luce's question, I would suggest that the items which would require special featuring would be the new site, with all accompanying data, a report on the Woman's College situation, full information about our new Executive Secretary, and possibly the part the University is playing in the famine relief in China. I like the idea of putting in the subscriptions received, as is done in the Auburn publicity news' sheet, The Chapel Bell, which comes to our office addressed to me. I think it has a stimulating effect to see subscriptions listed and there is a certain contagion about such figures. Of course, new members of the faculty ought to be written up and the work done at the University of Southern California might be mentioned. Material for this can be found in the papers I am forwarding to you. Mr. Gordon's fine work in America also might be featured and I would like to see some reference again to Mr. Ogilvie who was such a wonderful member of our faculty and whom we all miss so much. Such are my suggestions regarding the new publication. In the working file on my desk, under the heading "Bulletin" or "Pamphlet", you will find a lot of material which I have placed there with the idea that it might be of some use in such a publication. A lot of it can be discarded, but there may be a little material there that you can use. I wish I could be on hand to help you. The only addresses which I would suggest adding to my list for this publication would be those included in the parlor meeting held last month and in the meeting held at Rochester in December. Both these lists have been sent to the office. If in addition you could send two or three dozen copies of the paper to me I could make good use of them.

I like the new stationery and its arrangement. I notice that you have omitted the name of Mr. Scott from the Trustees. Possibly this ought to be remedied in the interests of accuracy and his own feelings.

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Mr. Herbert A. Gaskey -5- March 22, 1921.

I have received a note from Dr. Patton stating that the Charles M. Hall Estate has definitely agreed to appropriate $50,000 towards the endowment of Peking University and that the interest on this amount could be used by the American Board towards the upkeep of the Institution. Dr. Patton said that this would mean that, when the estate is distributed in nine years, a much larger amount might be expected. Doubtless he has written you on these matters. I hope the interest on this amount will be paid(on this)in addition to that paid to us by the American Board and am writing Dr. Patton to this effect; otherwise the gift is really to the American Board and the University does not profit very much from it, at least at present. Possibly you have taken up this whole matter with them. I will try to have a short statement made up and will send it to you in time for the Trustees' meeting concerning the work done for the University here. Doubtless you or Dr. Luce will have a more extended report covering the year since the last meeting of the Trustees. I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Luce.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

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Dr. Henry W. Luce,
Room 427, 156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Harry;-

Your letter of March 17th came in yesterday and I will answer it and also try to cover the points in your previous letters of March 8th, 9th and 10th with their various enclosures.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just written to Mr. Gaskey which is intended for you, of course. It covers some of the points in your last letter, especially in regard to any ideas I have on the Peking News. All the material for the subjects which I have suggested is on file in our office and Miss White with her usual skill can produce it for you. I wish I could be on hand to help you get out this first issue.

I think your advice to Leighton to stay in Peking until after the Medical School ceremonies and then to return with the Rockefeller party is good, and I hope he will follow it.

I wish I could be on hand for the meeting of Trustees on April 14th. It might be necessary to put up to them, as was suggested last fall, an assessment on each Trustee to help meet our current expenses; otherwise it looks to me that we are headed for quite a deficit. It will be fine if you can show the pictures to them.

In regard to your question about any contacts in Boston, mine are very few in number. I am enclosing the few names that might

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be of service on a separate sheet. Would not Mrs. Frame be able to give names of people whom we might approach jointly for the University and the Woman's College? Dr. Norton Kent also would be a good individual to advise with.

Following your suggestion I will stay here for a couple more weeks and then go up the coast, touching especially Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland. I have an engagement now on April 21st in Pasadena to speak before the Occidental Woman's Board of our church. The news that Mr. Schell was to be in the west in connection with the Synod meetings was gladly received and I will try to make connections with him for some of these meetings, surely with the one at Berkeley the first week in August. I am writing Mr. Schell in this connection.

I note what you say about the man I suggested for athletic instructor, Mr. Charles Ainley, and the candidate, Mr. Gregory, whom Mr. Lewis suggests. Mr. Ainley will not be ready to go out for another year, so I hope we can keep in touch with both of these men until the final decision is made in either direction.

That was good news about the Theological School group in New York. I hope very much you can secure Mr. William Hung since his finances have been agreed to by Dr. Coffin and Mr. Sockman. I think Hung is a good man and we certainly need more Chinese on our faculty. Dr. DeVargas is also an exceptional individual and it will be fine if we can get him. Personally I fancy him more than I do Dr. Rawlinson.

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I have received your various California address cards, which you said I did not need to return to you, and also your note of introduction to Miss Dolph and Miss McGaughey in San Juan Capistrano which I will use if the opportunity presents itself. I want to thank you also for your suggestions about San Francisco and about Portland and for the names of individuals who might be helpful there.

When Miss White has a little time off, tell her to send on to me a copy of the full estimates in Mexican with dimensions prepared by Murphy & Dana of our building plant.

I am enclosing under separate cover copies of two letters to Leighton which I have written quite frankly from my heart. I hope that I have not overstated matters and in any case they merely represent my own interpretation of the situation, which I would like to send on to you and to Leighton even if these views are not for public consumption. I hope that nothing will stand in the way of Leighton's coming to this country next fall.

I am also enclosing some data and printed matter which I thought might be of interest to you and am sending some other material in my letter to Mr. Baskey. The list of trustees of the Hill School I thought might be of value to you, as I am one of the two Hill representatives on the foreign field and we have a point of contact with these men, all of whom have considerable means. I will try to locate and send to you later a list of officers of the Hill clubs in various cities, which might be of use in the same way.

I wonder if you saw the advertisement of the Canton

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Christian College in the March issue of Asia. I think that ~~was~~ 15 a fine idea for us to follow, if there is money available for this.

In his letter of January 14th, Leighton mentions a sum of $25,000 secured thru Mr. Caldwell for the Theological Seminary. Might it not be possible to use some of this money in paying for our land, as the Seminary has its share in this? Perhaps this fund can be hunted down.

In one of your notes you mention the fact that Mrs. Prentice ~~was~~ has not on our list of guests at the parlor meeting last month. We did not know that she was here until just before the meeting, but we did invite her and she was unable to come.

I have wired Mrs. Peabody, asking if we may not go after funds here in Pasadena for a common building for the University and Woman's College and she answered today that she would take this matter up with the Woman's Committee and with you. I hope this will go thru all right, altho we can adjust our campaign plans in either direction if necessary. It would help, however, if we could feel that we were working together rather than for two separate institutions. The idea that we stress Yen Ching here and in Los Angeles has received general approval thus far, for which I am glad.

You will be interested to know that we just received word that the China Medical Board has asked Tim Pfeiffer, whom you met with his wife, Eleanor Wheeler Pfeiffer, last year, to help take charge of their interests in this country. This would mean a trip to Peking this summer and again next year and would tie up another

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branch of the Wheeler family in Peking. We have not had very clear word as to just what the nature of the work will be, but I am hoping that Tim will take it if it will mean another tie of interest at Peking. The Pfeiffer's address is 29 Washington Square, T. N. Pfeiffer.

The last two weeks have been very encouraging ones and I think things are opening up at last. We are finding many warm friends here and it is good to work and pray with them for a common objective.

We have often wished for you and for Mrs. Luce and perhaps we can see you out here next winter.

With love and best wishes, I am

Affectionately yours,

Rex Wheeler

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PASADENA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S COLLEGES FOR THE ORIENT.

A meeting of the Pasadena Committee on Women's Colleges for the Orient was held at 10:30 a.m. on March 21, 1921, at 5 Westmoreland Place. The meeting was called by the chairman of the committee, Mrs. W. B. Hill; Mrs. W. R. Wheeler was appointed secretary. After Mr. W. R. Wheeler had led in prayer, Mrs. Hill outlined the previous activities of the committee following the meeting of February 25th, at which Mrs. Henry W. Peabody and Mr. Wheeler had spoken, and suggested three possible courses of action as to the future. The first possible course would be to disband the original committee and to appoint a permanent committee in its place with representation on it of the American colleges related to certain of the six colleges in the Orient, this new committee to carry forward the work; the second, to gather up any gifts which might have resulted from the meeting on February 25th, a note being sent to the individuals who were present at that meeting for this purpose; and, third, to follow out the suggestion that special emphasis should be given to promoting the interests of the Yen Ching Woman's College at Peking in Pasadena, and that an attempt be made to secure pledges for a definite building for this college, either in conjunction with the efforts now being made towards the same purpose for the university at Peking or as a separate and unrelated endeavor, those who should give to this building certain specified amounts having the privilege of naming certain rooms in this building. After some discussion, during which Mrs. Edmands suggested that this whole subject be brought before the Federated Committee of Missionary Societies in Pasadena,

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it was moved and seconded that plans 1 and 3 outlined by the Chairman, with the added suggestion of Mrs. Edmands, should be adopted; namely that a permanent committee be appointed to carry forward this work, representation on this committee being given to Smith, Wellesley, Vassar and Mt. Holyoke, that the proposition to raise funds for a Pasadena building for Yen Ching College in Peking be approved, the decision as to whether funds should be solicited jointly for a building to be in common use by Peking University and Peking Woman's College, or whether an attempt should be made to secure funds for a separate building, to depend upon word received from Mrs. Peabody in New York; and that this whole matter be brought before the Federated Committee above named, a meeting to be arranged with its executive committee and its chairman, Mrs. Wallace, at the earliest convenient date.

This motion was carried.

Mr. Wheeler was authorized to telegraph Mrs. Peabody, asking if the proposition to secure funds for a building to be in joint use by the men and women students at Peking, would be acceptable to the Women's College organization in New York. It was suggested that Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Gamble and Mrs. Edmands, with representatives from the four American colleges already named, should meet with the Federated Committee.

Mrs. N. P. Wheeler was asked to become a member of the permanent committee.

The committee adjourned at 12 o'clock.

The following were present: Mrs. W. B. Hill, Mrs. D. B. Gamble, Mrs. N. P. Wheeler, Mrs. M. G. Edmands, Rev. W. R. Wheeler, Miss M. E. Ailinger, Mrs. W. R. Wheeler.

April 20 - Meeting with Federated Committee - scheduled
" 21 - meeting with executive Board of Presbyterian Woman Board.

Constance H. Wheeler
Secretary.

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Buildin Fund or [illegible] Building Fund - the emphasis being on the word 'Fund' - so that [illegible] our plans did not [illegible] for a building to be used jointly, the women's share [illegible] and the University's for its scientific facilities. I am not quite clear as to how the basis [illegible] the division of the fund is [illegible] to be determined. It certainly ought to be determined by [illegible] I would suggest that the [illegible] on the one hand and that [illegible] buildings division be a division based [illegible] with due recognition [illegible] to [illegible] proportion. I am sure you will see how desirable it is [illegible] not to come [illegible] to conflict [illegible] which [illegible].

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April 4, 1921.

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Eric;-

I was glad to receive your letter of March 26th and especially your interpretation of the action of the Executive Committee in regard to our joint campaign for the Woman's College and Men's University here. I quite agree with your attitude and will try to secure pledges for a fund rather than a building. You see I was first in the field here and had the meeting for the University on February 12th; the chairman of the Women's Committee who came to that meeting expressed some concern lest any solicitation I made would cut into the pledges for the Women's College, which held its meeting two weeks later, and rather than create any friction or competition I hit on the scheme of combining our efforts for a single objective, which seemed feasible from our plans for cooperation on the field. We will go ahead on that hypothesis until more definite word comes from New York. I trust the dialectic back of this decision is not too Hegelian for the authorities in your city. I don't think we will have to do this in other cities, but some such amalgamation did seem necessary here.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from the campaign manager of the University of Southern California with his report on the recent campaign, which you will note states that they have secured pledges for $2700, of which $1200 have already been paid,

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the estimate of the shrinkage in final payment being about ten percent. If this forecast is true, there will be more than enough money to cover Burnight's expenses this year, with exchange at its present figure. I am asking Mr. Alexander to send on the money when collected to our University office, which I trust is all right.

No. ✓ to Mr. B. Miss Hazle. Sm n

Professor Payson J. Treat of Stanford University, expects to be in New York this month and I have suggested that he call at our University office. As you remember he expects to go to the Orient next year, and it has been suggested by Stanford University that he act as their official representative at Peking to look over our University and report back to them, so that they will be guided by his advice in formulating their future relations with us. I thought of inviting him to our meeting of trustees on the fourteenth, but I do not believe it would be advisable at this stage. In fact, I would advise against it altho I think it would be a good thing for him to visit our office and to meet you and members of the trustees individually.

Dr. Ill ✓ Hazle. Sm n.

It might be a good thing for the trustees to send some word of appreciation to the University of Southern California for their contribution and interest in our behalf. This could be done at the meeting on the fourteenth. I think also it would strengthen my hands with Stanford if they would take some action extending a formal invitation to Stanford to join, which might be

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worded somewhat as follows:

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> The trustees of Peking University, in accordance with their policy of welcoming the cooperation of American colleges and institutions in the work of higher education at the capital of China -- such cooperation having already been established by Princeton University, Wellesley College, The Hill School, and the University of Southern California)-- having learned of the correspondence and conferences of the Secretary of Peking University, W. R. Wheeler, with representatives of Stanford University towards the establishment of (similar) relations with this University, desire to extend to Leland Stanford University a formal invitation to join in this work, and if the decision is ultimately made to do so, to appoint a member of the faculty to become a member of the Advisory Council of Peking University; and the Trustees, having heard of the expected trip of Professor Payson J. Treat of Stanford University to the Far East, accompanied by his wife, would extend an invitation to them to visit the university at Peking with the expectation that Professor Treat would give a series of lectures there, the final arrangements for this to be subject to action by the President and faculty of Peking University on the field.

I wrote Leighton on the 21st, asking him to cable if they could arrange for Professor and Mrs. Treat to spend some time with them next winter. I told him to cable me here.

I think the main desire on the part of the different universities which may establish work abroad is that they may have freedom in their development of this work, and that they may label it as distinctively their own. I think that as far as we can do so it is desirable to meet their wishes, hence my suggestion about the election of representatives on our Advisory Countil. Wellesley and the Hill School have already chosen theirs.

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It might be a help also if you could get the Trustees to pass a vote stating that, having heard of my proposed trip up

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the west coast, they would extend a cordial invitation to any universities and colleges which I might visit, to consider the possibility of joining in our work at Peking. I am not sure if I can do anything with other colleges, but if I had such action with me it would be a help in case the opportunity presented itself.

Action also might be taken in regard to the word which came to us in a letter from Mr. Meloy of March of the desire of Harvard and M.I.T. to establish a school of engineering and an industrial school in China. I sent copies of hic letter and of my answer to our office in my letter to Dr. Luce last week. I might also suggest for a place on the docket a formal approval of the present membership of our Advisory Council. The list as it stands at present is on file in our office.

I noticed in the literature which Dr. Grenfell gave out that he had a long list of names on a so-called "General Committee", of those who are backing him. I would like to suggest that we keep the membership of our Advisory Council fairly small and then form a larger group which we might call our General Committee, which could include smaller local committees in various parts of the country. As you may remember I started the formation of the Advisory Council, but after securing its present membership of about a dozen, at the suggestion of the Executive Committee, the selection of further members was deferred until our Permanent Secretary could be selected.

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I will ask you to pass on to Mr. Caskey as much of the contents of this letter as you think advisable. I have been in the habit of writing him my reports and sending correspondence to him, but I thought possibly, as you know the ropes, you could be of service to him in handling the items which I have mentioned in this letter.

I showed the pictures of Peking and the University last night again in the First Presbyterian Church here. This being "Blue Monday" and several most delectable golf courses being within reach, it is somewhat of a task to keep concentrated on Mongolian problems.

"When duty whispers low, "Thou must!"
The youth replies, "I can -- but I'd rather play golf!"

I am looking forward to seeing a copy of your book.

Affectionately yours,

Rex Wheeler

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April 5, 1921.

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey,
Room 427, 156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Caskey;-

There are several items which I wish to report upon herewith.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from Professor Payson J. Treat of Stanford University. As I have already written the office, he expects to be in the Far East next year and would like to visit out university and, if desired, give a short series of lectures there. I wrote Leighton this, March 21st, asking him to cable if this arrangement could be made. Professor Treat would be accompanied by his wife. I have written Dr. Treat suggesting that he call at our office in New York and meet you and Dr. Luce. He is one of the best men on modern Oriental history and conditions and we want his interest and support for our Stanford proposition. I thought of inviting him to our meeting of trustees, but have concluded it would be better not to do so. However, if he calls at our office, I hope that you can inject the proper enthusiasm for our proposition.

I am enclosing also copies of two letters from Stanford concerning the situation there.

In regard to the coming issue of the Peking News, I would like to suggest that you include in it the list of mem-

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bers of our Advisory Council. Miss White has the list as it is at present on file. In my letter yesterday to Eric North I made the suggestion that, instead of appointing a much larger group of men to this council, as we had planned to do, we might follow Dr. Grenfell's example and appoint this group to a so-called "General Committee", which could have representation locally in various cities. The outline concerning the appointment of these various committees and our plans for them I left in the office before my departure from New York.

In my letter yesterday, April 4th, to Eric North, I made several suggestions concerning the docket before the trustees for their annual meeting on the 14th. I have asked Eric to pass these on to you, so I will not repeat them in this letter.

I have received word from the University of Southern California that in their campaign for the support of Ralph Burnight at Peking, they secured pledges for $2700.00, of which amount $1200.00 had already been paid in. I have told the campaign manager to send the funds when finally collected to you.

I am going to help at Occidental College next week in their campaign for their representative at Hangchow College, at least as far as giving a stereoptican talk upon the situation there and in China among the students in general.

Last Sunday I spoke again at the First Presbyterian Church before the young people. I am enclosing a program and will later send to you certain names which I would like to see

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added to our mailing lists.

Mr. Sidney Gamble is now in New York, conferring with the publishers concerning the publication of the book which he and Mr. Burgess have prepared on Peking and the social conditions there. Before he left I suggested to Sidney that he might be interested in taking over the support of Miss Hague, who I believe is not now financed. I did this because Sidney had said that he had agreed to support for three years a~~n~~ stenographer who should be chosen to go to Peking and give half time to the Y.M.C.A. and half time to the Presbyterian Mission Station there. I thought that possibly Miss Hague might work into some such position as this, giving half her time to the University and half to the Y.M.C.A. Sidney was interested, but just before he left he said he did not think that this would work out. I am writing you anyway to give you the information concerning our conversation. I believe Sidney plans to help finance Mr. Burgess and the Princeton department at Peking and we want his support with his family in regard to any gifts they may make towards our property.

Doubtless you know of the Pan-Pacific Educational Conference which is to be held at Honolulu this summer, August 11th to 21st. They plan to make quite an occasion of it and the invitations are being send out by the American Department of State in cooperation with the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Bureau of Public Instruction. The secretary of the Pan-Pacific Union is Alexander Hume Ford with whom I have had some contact.

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Dr. Luce knows him also, I believe. I wish we could have the University represented at that conference. I am writing Ford that we are interested in the conference and am also sending a note to Leighton about it. You and Dr. Luce will know how far we ought to go in this respect.

A copy of Leighton's letter of February 24th has come in. In regard to his reference to the Harvard-M.I.T. proposition to establish a technical university in China, I sent a copy of a letter from Mr. Meloy last week to Dr. Luce on this same subject. The other items in Leighton's letter I imagine you and Dr. Luce will confer upon and I do not need to take any action about them.

I plan now roughly to put in the next two weeks here and in Los Angeles with probably a trip to Leland Stanford; work here the last week of April for the Woman's College and our own University in joint solicitation and then spend most of May on the west coast, arriving in New York the last of the month. I think it would be better to send all my mail to my Pasadena address and I will leave directions here for it to be forwarded. I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Luce.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

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April 14, 1921.

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Eric;-

This letter is in confirmation of the night letter I sent you April 12th, as follows:

> "For Trustees at annual meeting: Greetings and best wishes from Pasadena to Peking. The University record for the past year includes securing of new site, of general secretary, of pamphlet and publicity material, affiliation with Woman's College, progress in its financing, establishment of agricultural experiment station, cooperation with several American universities, and funds for first building pledged. Congratulations on this record with the assurance next year's will surpass it. (Stop) For Eric: Wire me action regarding Stanford as I have engagement there April seventeenth."

I hope this wire got thru to you all right.

The proposition of a joint building for Men's University and Woman's College will be finally decided upon at the meeting of the Federated Woman's Missionary Society here next week. I am not certain at all of the outcome, but I think that whichever way it is decided, we can adjust our own plans here for the University.

I hope the Trustees' meeting went off successfully. Perhaps you will have a copy of the minutes sent to me here.

Affectionately yours,

Rex Wheeler

P.S. The action re Stanford which I referred to was that suggested in my letter to you of April 4th.

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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
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156 Fifth Avenue
New York

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

May 20th, 1921.

TRUSTEE OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith,
c/o American Board of Commissioners
for Foreign Missions,
287 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your letter of April 15th addressed to my mother in Pasadena was referred by her to me for answer. She appreciated very much your writing as you did on behalf of the Trustees in regard to the gift of the chapel.

I have in my possession the written pledge of my mother for $25,000., one of my own for $5,000., and one of my sister, Mrs. Rachel Wheeler Farley, 251 Culver Road, Rochester, New York, for $5,000. I am hoping that from the other two members of our family I can secure pledges for $5,000. each, which would bring up the total to $45,000. Gold. We have made all these pledges payable five years from May 1st, 1921. I wish very much that we could make payment earlier, but in the present condition of my father's estate this is impossible, and we are taking quite a chance in making the pledges under present conditions, on account of the tremendous debt we owe the Federal Government and our inability just at present to sell enough timber to meet it. Nevertheless I am trusting that if we will give this money toward the work of the Lord, He will open up the way for its payment. The estimates passed for the chapel were originally 60,000 Mex., so that the sums already indicated would more than cover this amount. I have taken up with Mrs. Peabody of the Woman's Committee the possibility of these pledges being credited in their campaign so that we might receive an additional $10,000. or $12,000. from the Rockefeller Foundation. This question hinges entirely on whether or not on the date of the closing of their campaign they must have the entire sum in cash in their hands, or whether such pledges can be credited towards the total. If the latter is true we can build a better chapel, and as we expect that it will be in use both by the men and women of the University this arrangement should be satisfactory.

We wish to make the chapel a memorial to my father, Nelson P. Wheeler, and mother has chosen as the verse to be placed under his name - "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

I am writing you in this detail in answer to the questions in your letter of the 15th of April. I hope to see you soon.

I am at present installed in Dr. Halsey's former office, Room 813, of the Foreign Board.

The decision of the Methodist Board to take over our property holdings in Peking is a most welcome one and with the progress being made by the Women's Colleges Campaign, I feel that we are getting out into smoother waters. I am happy indeed

to have had some part in the work of the past two years for the University, and am conditioning my service here in the Board on the assumption that we can return to China when this is possible and can maintain some relation to the University. We may be in this country for two more years. I had a wonderful time on the West Coast and found the situation most encouraging. I have many ideas which are bursting for expression in my plans for the next two years and shall hope to have the pleasure of talking them over with you some time in the near future.

Mrs. Wheeler is at present in Pasadena and will not come on until September.

With best wishes to Mrs. Smith and to yourself, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

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3 Westmoreland Place
Pasadena, California

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Dear Eric:

Enclosed is the draft for Miss Parkhurst's expenses, properly endorsed by Louis and Reginald.

I have received a copy of a communication addressed to the Finance Committee from Mr. Gill suggesting Mr. Henry E. Hill as an architect for the university. I assume that this gentleman's credentials and references will be investigated with our usual thoroughness, before we reach a final decision concerning him.

Glad you attended to Mr. Schlaegel — Half of each day is dedicated here to the "sacred and Royal" pastime; the other half is expended as befits a paterfamilias. It is a close decision which exercise consumes more energy —

Regards to Mrs. North and Theodora whose information I confirm decapher — Rex

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September 30, 1921.

Dr. Eric North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Eric:-

I am sending you herewith a typewritten version of the motions which I suggested at the meeting of the Executive Committee of our Trustees yesterday. I am also answering certain inquiries which have come to my desk regarding University matters.

The motions which I suggested with reference to the plans for the dormitories were as follows:-

"THAT the plans for the dormitories, dining hall and kitchen be approved in general, but that the following suggestions in reference to them be transmitted to the proper committee on the field: -

1. That the attention of this committee be called to the small size of the rooms of the dormitories as planned at present, with the reminder that the minimum measurements for smaller double rooms in American educational institutions as accepted are 10 x 15', and that in the plans for the future dormitories this fact be kept in mind.

2. That the advisability of adding a common room be suggested, such a room to be used for social and religious purposes by each dormitory group, and be added to each dormitory or possibly built in the dining hall and kitchen section.

3. That in view of the advisability of securing some general grouping and appearance of ensemble, the first dormitory unit be placed nearer the university quadrangle than when the plans were presented. "

The two motions which were passed just at the close of the meeting of the Executive Committee were:

"That the Trustees of Peking University, thru their Executive Committee, express their appreciation of the contribution which Mr. John MacGregor Gibb, of the University faculty, has made to the building program of the university during his three months in America, that due record of their appreciation be placed in the minutes, and that this action be transmitted to the field Board of Managers at Peking.

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"That the Trustees, thru their Executive Committee, express their pleasure and satisfaction in the plans for the university buildings prepared by Murphy, McGill & Hamlin, and that the Secretary of the Trustees be asked to transmit this statement of their action to the architects."

There were three accounts which were referred to me when I returned from California. -

The bill for telegraph service was unravelled here and finally O. K'd.

The account for Mr. Ruby's stenographic material was also O. K'd and returned to the University office.

The account for Montgomery, Ward & Company is a little involved. According to our contract, we agreed to pay the freight on three tons of furniture and outfit for Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. I sent them their total outfit allowance of $400. Mr. Wilson himself paid the bill presented by Montgomery Ward of $131.91 for new outfit and then had them pack up his former belongings with his new purchases. The total shipment was 229 cubic feet which works out to be 5-29/40 tons or roughly 5-3/4 tons. Accordingly he owes us for 2-3/4 tons amounting to

That was a tremendous program which you had worked out and which was driven thru at the meetings yesterday. I find that my cranial centers are in a decided state of debilitation after our five hours of meetings yesterday and my chief hope for restoration lies in the eighteen hole course of the Knickerbocker Country Club.

I am enclosing copies of some letters I have written to Dr. Stuart. I think that perhaps you ought to have these letters and will ask that you do with them what you think best. I do not think that there has as yet been a meeting of the minds of the field and the trustees in regard to the ~~probably~~ financial resources. In a letter Dr. Stuart wrote, he mentioned the possibility of drawing on the trustees for possibly $25,000, which is a slight indication of this fact. My own judgment is, which is merely a guess, that we will not be able to meet by a large margin the program which was mapped out in your very careful and detailed financial statement. Let us see if we cannot work out a readjustment of our staff with relation to the boards and as a first step cut down the gap between our current expenses and current income. I think that by certain shifting and reassignment we can take quite a step in this direction.

I am enclosing also a copy of a letter from Dr. Brown which reports the Board's action with reference to any unused balance of the China Famine Fund. Would it not be well to call the attention of the managers to this action with a view toward sending in a statement showing how our agricultural and animal husbandry department might make use of some of these funds. I assume that you have seen a copy of the pamphlet called "REFORESTING CHINA " written by John Reisner of Nanking University.

Very sincerely yours,

Ray W.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 29, 1921.

Dr. Eric North,
Methodist Board of Foreign Missions,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRUSTEES OF PEKING UNIVERSITY

Dear Eric:-

I wish to state officially that I hope to have the privilege of being present at the meeting of the Trustees of Peking University called for January 18th, in accordance with your letter of December 20th.

Let me thank you also unofficially at this time for the kindness of your family, including Theodora, in remembering our family with the Christmas card and good wishes.

The three days off which I enjoyed, were full of Christmas turkey and other joys.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

WRW:HOP

12/31/21

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

January 18th, 1922.

To the Trustees of
Peking University.

Gentlemen:

At the meeting of the Executive Council of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, held December 30th, 1921, I made know my decision not to return to China in the immediate future. I had already discussed this matter informally with Dr. Luce, the Vice-President of the University and with Dr. North, the Secretary of the Trustees. At the meeting of the Board on January 3rd, action was taken involving my resignation from the missionary force of the Presbyterian Board. This step means that there is available the salary and allowances for an additional member on the staff of Peking University from the Presbyterian Board, and in order that this situation may be clearly met, and in line with my decision not to return to the field in the near future, I am accordingly tendering my resignation from the staff of the University and from the somewhat anomalous, although highly honorary, office of "Secretary of the University."

I wish to state what a privilege and a pleasure it has been during the past two years to be associated with you in the work of the University and how deeply confident I am of the largeness of its future opportunity for influence and service.

Respectfully yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

WRW-AS.

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UNDERWRITINGS OF CURRENT BUDGET OF PEKING UNIVERSITY BY THE TRUSTEES.

In its action F1191 the Finance Committee of the Trustees of Peking University voted as follows:

> F-1191. VOTED: That, in view of the critical needs of the current budget, W. R. Wheeler be requested to approach the Trustees for personal subscriptions or underwriting of the current expenses up to the sum of $250. each.

In accordance with this action a statement was sent to each of the Trustees outlining the needs of the University with special reference to the budget for the current year and asking for subscriptions which might be secured either by personal pledges or through presentation of these needs to friends of the Trustees. This statement was signed by W. R. Wheeler and accompanied a brief statement of the action of the Finance Committee signed by E. M. North, Secretary of the Trustees. In response to these communications, which were sent out early in January, the following subscriptions were received:

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey	$100.
Mrs. George M. Clark	250.
Dr. John F. Goucher	250.
Mr. E. M. McBrier	250.
Dr. W. P. Merrill	100.
Dr. Eric M. North	50.
Mr. Arthur Perry	250.
Mr. William P. Schell	150.
Mr. W. J. Thompson	100.
Mr. Franklin H. Warner	250.
Mr. W. Reginald Wheeler	250.
	$2,000.

The following Trustees have stated they could not make subscriptions:

Dr. James L. Barton
Rev. George T. Scott
Rev. W. C. Willoughby

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Obviously the British members of the Trustees have not had time as yet to reply. Replies have not been received from the following Trustees:

Mrs. J. M. Avann
Dr. Arthur J. Brown
Mr. Thomas Cochrane
Mr. F. H. Hawkins
Mr. William V. Kelley
Dr. Frank Mason North
Mr. Richard Roberts
Mr. James M. Speers
Dr. Ralph A. Ward
Mrs. O. R. Williamson
Dr. Luther B. Wilson

All of these pledges are payable on or before June 30th, 1922.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Reginald Wheeler

January 23rd, 1922.

January 6th, 1923.

Mr. [illegible] Meeker,
Secretary of the Men's Club
of the Presbyterian Church,
[illegible],
Rockford, Ill.

My dear Mr. Meeker:

I [illegible] to convey [illegible] on behalf of the Men's Club of the University the following resolutions:

"Resolved: That the Directors of the University Extension Work be and they hereby are instructed to confer with the Boards of Education of the several cities and towns in which extension courses are given, with a view to securing from the Boards of Education such financial assistance as may be available to the University for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the extension courses in such cities and towns."

"That the Secretary be and he hereby is instructed to convey to Mr. Meeker the appreciation of the Men's Club of the University of the services rendered by him as Director of Extension Work, and the regret of the Club that he is severing his connection with the University."

"That the Secretary be instructed to convey to Mr. Meeker the very deep sense of the obligation under which the University and the Men's Club of the University of Illinois rest to him for his long and faithful services to the University, and the sincere regret with which he is severing his connection with the University."

"That the Secretary be instructed to convey to Mr. Meeker the continued interest of the Men's Club of the University and its willingness to cooperate informally with any advisory member of the Finance Committee."

My dear Sir: Yours

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

February 6, 1922.

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Eric:-

It was kind of you to send me in your note of January 25th the official action of the Trustees of Peking University with reference to my resignation from the faculty.

I appreciated this action very much, especially as I have a fairly clear idea of its author, and I appreciated even more the concluding line in your note.

You know that you can count on me to the utmost for the University even though temporarily I am snowed under with my present job. I hope to emerge in due time so I can take a share of the large load which seems deposited with great precision and completeness upon your shoulders.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rex Wheeler

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